

The organising authority is Grafham Water Sailing Club in conjunction with the Sailjuice Winter Series.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 - 2028. Appendix T (arbitration) will apply
- 1.2. Competitors should note that Grafham Water Sailing Club implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The Charter can be found at the front of the RYA edition of the Racing Rules of Sailing (the yellow pages after the definitions), or on the RYA website at www.rya.org.uk/racingrules.
- 1.3. [DP, NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.
- 1.4. TRACKERS - Competitors will be required to carry a GPS tracking unit on board as supplied by the Organising Authority. The tracker shall be collected from the ground floor cafe before going afloat and returned there after the day's racing within the protest time.
Failure to collect and carry a tracker will result in no Great British Sailing Challenge result. It may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the first race of the day sailed calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS Appendix A, A5.
- 1.5. Failure to return the tracker within the protest time may also result in a scoring penalty without a hearing of 10% on the last race of the day sailed calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c).
This changes RRS 60.5(b) and Appendix A, A5.
- 1.6. If there is conflict between the NoR and SI, then the SI shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions with final fleet compositions will be published on the official notice board (see 3.1 below) by 2000 on Friday 6th February 2026.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://www.grafham.org/online-noticeboard.html>.
- 3.2. [DP, NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.3. Briefing
Any relevant notices will be posted on the GWSC on-line Notice Board (see 3.1 above). There will be a competitor briefing at 0945 on the day in the café.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all boats with Great Lakes Event Handicaps as listed in the Great Lakes Handicap List of December 3 2025, with certain exclusions. Classes, handicaps and exclusions are listed in APPENDIX 2. This may be varied at the discretion of the organising authority and any variation, or addition of boats will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
 - 4.1.1 We cannot accept entries from Sailboards.
- 4.2 Entry is limited to 90 boats.
- 4.3 Existing entries for the original event are automatically transferred to the rescheduled event unless a refund of fees has been requested. Refunds must be requested by midnight, Monday 12th January 2026.
- 4.4. Entries on the Sailjuice web site will close on 2000 Thursday 5th February 2026 (the Event Closing Time). Thereafter late entries will be at the absolute discretion of GWSC and will be subject to a late entry fee of £10 and made on the Grafham Water web site:

<https://webcollect.org.uk/grafham/category/open-events-1>

or by completing entry forms at the GWSC office.

4.5. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.6. Entries may be substituted up to the Event Closing Time. Thereafter only the following changes will be permitted:

Change of helm or crew

Change of sail number (but not in conjunction with change of helm).

Any such changes must be notified to the Grafham Club Office (email office@grafham.org) by 0930 on Sunday 8th February 2026.

More substantive changes e.g. change to a different class, substitution of both helm and crew or substitution of helm and change of sail number may be permitted but only at the absolute discretion of the Club and if permitted will be subject to a £10 administration fee.

5. FEES

5.1. The entry fee includes a pasta dish to be served after sailing is completed and provision of Sailjuice Trackers.

5.2. Entry fees for boats sailed by visitors will be £36 for single hander boats and £47 for double hander boats.

5.3. Entry fees for boats helmed or crewed by a Grafham Water Sailing Club sailing member who has a registered boat at Grafham will be £16 for single hander boats and £23 for double hander boats.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Class rules apply.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 [DP. NP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

8. QUALIFYING SERIES AND FINAL SERIES – Does not apply

9. SCHEDULE

9.1. Registration

Will be done on arrival at the Club Gate from 0800 by Meet and Greet personnel.

9.2. Classes and starts

The Annex, attached to this Notice of Race, groups eligible dinghies into their provisional Race Starts.

Final Fleet compositions will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

There will be three race tracks with one start on each.

9.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1057.

9.4. Three back-to-back races are scheduled.

9.5. No warning signal will be made after 1430.

10. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

10.1. Each boat may be required to produce or verify the existence of a valid measurement certificate.

11. CLOTHING AND EQUIPMENT

11.1. RRS40.1 shall apply at all times when afloat.

11.2. GWSC Local Rule - Wet or dry suits must be worn whilst afloat.

12. VENUE

12.1. A site plan showing parking and slipways is attached as Appendix 1.

13. COURSES

13.1. Two separate race tracks are planned and the courses to be sailed will be:

Fast Fleet - Windward/Leeward

Medium & Slow Fleets - Trapezoid

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

GWSC-Grand Prix 43-rescheduled NOR-2026-v2

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed for all multihulls and monohulls in the Fast Fleet so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. This change also applies to Challengers racing in the Slow fleet.
Rule 44.1 is not changed for all other boats in the Medium and Slow fleets.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
15.2. (a) When fewer than three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
(b) When three races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race score excluding her worst score.
15.3. RRS 90.3e shall apply.

16. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 16.1. Support vessels shall not be allowed.

17. CHARTERED OR LOAN BOATS-Does not apply

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Equipment and kit must not be placed on club members' boats.

19. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS-Does not apply

20 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS-Does not apply

21. DATA PROTECTION

- 21.1. The GWSC data protection policy can be found at
https://www.grafham.org/wpcontent/uploads/_pdfs/Club%20Documents/Privacy-Notice.pdf
21.2. By competing in this event, competitors grant to the organisers without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any non-identifiable motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television of or relating to the event and consent to these being published in class, club, sponsor and other publications and / or the class, club, sponsor or other websites.

22. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure to themselves, their crew, their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part;
(b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their property whether afloat or ashore;
(c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
(d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate
(e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
(f) The provision of a patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances
(g) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least £3,000,000 against third party claims
(h) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £2,000,000 per incident or the equivalent.

24. PRIZES

24.1. Prizes will be given to each of the fleet starts according to entry numbers. There will also be Spot Prizes.

25. FURTHER INFORMATION

25.1. CANCELLATION

By 1200 on Friday 6th February 2026 a final decision will be made on whether the event can proceed based on the forecast wind strength, weather conditions generally and any other external factors. In the event of cancellation at this time a notice will be posted on the GWSC website by 1400 and full refunds of the entry fees will be given less a £3 Sailjuice administration charge.

25.2. GENERAL

Camping will not be permitted prior to or after the event.

Directions to Grafham Water Sailing Club, details of local accommodation, and other information are available on the Club website - <http://www.grafham.org>. Entrants and authorised guests are temporary members of Grafham Water Sailing Club during the period of the event and shall comply with Club Rules and Bylaws. Failure to observe these may result in exclusion from the club premises.

25.3. COVID-19

Currently there are no COVID 19 restrictions which apply. We may need to impose restrictions onshore, offshore or both depending on the prevailing Covid-19 situation. The nature of any restrictions will be communicated to competitors in the pre-event briefing note.

25.4. MOVEMENT OF BOATS TO GRAFHAM WATER

In order to prevent the spread of non-native species there is a requirement to ensure that boats are clean before they visit the site using the principle of Check Clean Dry.

<http://www.nonnativespecies.org/checkcleandry/index.cfm>. This includes:

CHECK your equipment and clothing for live organisms – particularly in areas that are damp or hard to inspect.

CLEAN and wash equipment, footwear and clothing thoroughly. If you do come across any organisms, Leave them at the water body where you found them.

DRY all equipment and clothing – some species can live for many days in moist conditions. Make sure you don't transfer water elsewhere.

Anglian Water ask for boats and equipment, arriving at Grafham Water that are from the following locations, to have been clean and dry for at least two days prior to arrival – if not, then they must not be launched at the Club: Wraysbury Reservoir and Wraysbury River near to Staines, The Queen Mother Reservoir, Queen Elizabeth II/Bessborough, Queen Mary Reservoir, Warwick East Reservoir, Warwick Reservoir and William Girling Reservoir all located in the Lee Valley

25.5. MOVEMENT OF BOATS FROM GRAFHAM WATER

A non-native species of fresh-water shrimp (commonly known as killer shrimps) have been found in Grafham Water and certain restrictions on boat movement have been imposed by AW, DEFRA or other bodies to prevent the spread of these to other locations in the UK. These requirements are prominently displayed on the club premises and will include washing boats and equipment before removal from the Club premises.

Failure to comply with the requirements of these restrictions may lead to expulsion from the event.

APPENDIX 1 – SITE PLAN

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GGP 43 Fleet Allocations & Exclusions

Appendix 2

Class Name	Great Lakes Handicap	Type	Configuration	GGP43 Provisional Fleet Allocation Fast/Medium/Slow
International Moth	570	F	1 U 0	Fast
Nacra F20 Carbon FCS	570	F	2 S A	Fast
Switch	590	F	1 U 0	Fast
Nacra F20 Carbon	597	C	2 S A	Fast
Tornado	644	C	2 S A	Fast
Nacra 17 Olympic foiler	646	F	2 S A	Fast
Formula 18	655	C	2 S A	Fast
Nacra Inter 20 - doublehanded spinnaker	660	C	2 S A	Fast
A Class Foiling	665	F	1 U 0	Fast
Nacra 17	668	C	2 S A	Fast
Prindle 19 - spinnaker	687	C	2 S A	Fast
Hurricane 5.9 SX	691	C	2 S A	Fast
A Class Classic	695	C	1 U 0	Fast
49er	697	M	2 S A	Fast
Nacra 16 curved foils - doublehanded spinnaker	697	C	2 S A	Fast
Formula 16 - doublehanded	703	C	2 S A	Fast
Nacra 16 curved foils - singlehanded spinnaker	708	C	1 U A	Fast
Nacra 16 straight foils - doublehanded spinnaker	711	C	2 S A	Fast
Formula 16 - singlehanded	712	C	1 U A	Fast
Prindle 18.2 - spinnaker	714	C	2 S A	Fast
Tornado - Classic	715	C	2 S 0	Fast
Hurricane 5.9	717	C	2 S 0	Fast
Spitfire	719	C	2 S A	Fast
49er FX	720	M	2 S A	Fast
Nacra 16 straight foils - singlehanded spinnaker	723	C	1 U A	Fast
49er Old rig	740	M	2 S A	Fast
Spitfire - singlehanded	740	C	1 U A	Fast
Nacra 15	749	C	2 S A	Fast
International 14	750	M	2 S A	Fast
Shadow X	750	C	1 U A	Fast
UFO	750	F	1 U 0	Fast
Waszp	750	F	1 U 0	Fast
Nacra Inter 17 - spinnaker	751	C	1 U A	Fast
Hurricane 500	753	C	2 S A	Fast
Shadow	760	C	1 U A	Fast
Nacra 500 Sport - doublehanded spinnaker	761	C	2 S A	Fast
Skeeta 8.5	770	F	1 U 0	Fast
SL16	774	C	2 S A	Fast
Hobie 16 - spinnaker	780	C	2 S A	Fast

Nacra 500 - singlehanded spinnaker	792	C	1 U A	Fast
Prindle 18	793	C	2 S 0	Fast
RS800	799	M	2 S A	Fast
Shearwater	807	C	2 S C	Fast
Nacra 500 - doublehanded	808	C	2 S 0	Fast
Dart 18	810	C	2 S 0	Fast
Unicorn	812	C	1 U 0	Fast
Nacra Inter 17	814	C	1 U 0	Fast
Dart 18 - singlehanded	821	C	1 U 0	Fast
Hobie 16	826	C	2 S 0	Fast
Hobie 17	826	C	1 U 0	Fast
Musto Skiff	834	M	1 U A	Fast
International Canoe Asymmetric	840	M	1 S A	Fast
VX One	840	K	2 S A	Fast
Norfolk Punt	844	M	2 S A	Fast
DX Catamaran	845	C	1 S 0	Fast
RS700	845	M	1 U A	Fast
Laser 5000	846	M	2 S A	Fast
Boss	847	M	2 S A	Fast
International Canoe	847	M	1 S 0	Medium
Dart 16 - doublehanded spinnaker	850	C	2 S A	Fast
Nacra 500 - singlehanded	850	C	1 U 0	Fast
Topaz 16CX	856	C	2 S A	Fast
B14	858	M	2 S A	Fast
VX Air	870	M	2 S A	Fast
RS Cat 16 XL - doublehanded spinnaker	872	C	2 S A	Fast
Topaz 14Xtreme - doublehanded	875	C	2 S A	Fast
Topaz 14Xtreme - singlehanded	875	C	1 U A	Fast
Norfolk Punt Hardchine	884	M	2 S A	Fast
59er XX	887	M	2 S A	Fast
505	890	M	2 S C	Fast
Flying Dutchman	890	M	2 S C	Medium
Dart 15 Sport	892	C	1 S 0	Medium
Topaz 16S - spinnaker	894	C	2 S A	Fast
29er	895	M	2 S A	Fast
Catapult	898	C	1 U 0	Medium
Aigos	900	M	2 S A	Fast
Cherub	903	M	2 S A	Fast
Ghost	903	M	2 S C	Fast
59er	905	M	2 S A	Fast
Dart 16	905	C	2 S 0	Medium
International Canoe One Design	905	M	1 S 0	Medium
National 18	906	M	3 S C	Medium
Topaz 16C	906	C	2 S 0	Medium
K6	910	K	2 S A	Fast
Prindle 15	912	C	1 U 0	Medium
Dart 15 - doublehanded	919	C	2 S 0	Medium
AltO	921	M	2 S A	Fast

RS600	921	M	1 U 0	Medium
VX Two	922	M	2 S A	Fast
Dart 15	924	C	1 U 0	Medium
RS Cat 16 S - doublehanded	926	C	2 S 0	Medium
4000	927	M	2 S A	Fast
Spice	930	M	2 S A	Fast
Osprey	932	M	2 S C	Medium
ISO	934	M	2 S A	Fast
Topaz 14CX	940	C	2 S A	Fast
Javelin	941	M	2 S C	Medium
RS Cat 16 Club - singlehanded	944	C	1 S 0	Medium
RS400	948	M	2 S A	Fast
Vortex	950	M	1 U A	Fast
Hornet	955	M	2 S C	Medium
Topaz 16S	956	C	2 S 0	Medium
National 18 - Ultimate	957	M	3 S C	Medium
Fireball	959	M	2 S C	Medium
Weta	960	T	1 S A	Fast
Hobie Dragoon	961	C	2 S A	Fast
RS500	963	M	2 S A	Fast
Devoti D-One	965	M	1 U A	Fast
Contender	969	M	1 U 0	Medium
Cherub - 1997 Class Rules	970	M	2 S A	Fast
Vortex - no spinnaker	972	M	1 U 0	Medium
470	973	M	2 S C	Medium
Icon	976	M	2 S 0	Medium
International Moth - no foils	980	M	1 U 0	Medium
RS100 10.2	981	M	1 U A	Fast
Merlin Rocket	983	M	2 S C	Medium
MRX	983	M	2 S C	Medium
RS300	985	M	1 U 0	Medium
Blaze Halo	992	M	1 U 0	Medium
Topaz 14C	993	C	2 S 0	Medium
Melges 15	995	M	2 S A	Fast
Phantom	998	M	1 U 0	Medium
Skeeta 8.5 - no foils	1000	M	1 U 0	Medium
RS100 8.4	1001	M	1 U A	Fast
V3000	1007	M	2 S A	Fast
MX-Ray	1020	M	1 U A	Fast
Flying Fifteen	1022	K	2 S C	Medium
Tasar	1022	M	2 S 0	Medium
RS Aero 9	1024	M	1 U 0	Medium
Buzz	1030	M	2 S A	Fast
K2	1030	K	2 S A	Fast
Laser EPS	1033	M	1 U 0	Medium
RS100 7.4	1034	M	1 U A	Medium
Rooster 8.1	1035	M	1 U 0	Medium
Scorpion	1035	M	2 S C	Medium

Devoti D-Zero	1036	M	1 U 0	Medium
Flying Fifteen Silver (2701-3400)	1036	K	2 S C	Medium
Blaze	1040	M	1 U 0	Medium
Sport 16	1040	M	2 S A	Fast
Kestrel	1042	M	2 S C	Medium
Marauder	1042	M	2 S C	Medium
Hadron H2	1045	M	1 U 0	Medium
Finn	1049	M	1 U 0	Medium
RS200	1050	M	2 S A	Medium
Zenith	1050	M	1 U 0	Medium
Albacore	1053	M	2 S 0	Medium
Comet Trio MK 2	1053	M	2 S A	Medium
Sport 14	1055	M	2 S A	Medium
Devoti D-Zero Black	1056	M	1 U 0	Medium
K1	1060	K	1 S 0	Medium
Megabyte	1060	M	1 U 0	Medium
Farr 3.7	1063	M	1 U 0	Medium
Blaze Fire	1065	M	1 U 0	Medium
RS Aero 7	1068	M	1 U 0	Medium
Lark	1070	M	2 S C	Medium
National 12	1070	M	2 S 0	Medium
Laser Vago XD	1074	M	2 S A	Slow
Laser Vago XD - singlehanded	1074	M	1 S A	Slow
Supernova	1075	M	1 U 0	Slow
Topaz Omega	1075	M	2 S A	Slow
Seafly	1077	M	2 S C	Slow
Devoti D-Zero Blue	1079	M	1 U 0	Slow
420	1080	M	2 S C	Slow
RS Vario	1084	M	1 U A	Slow
Topaz Xenon	1085	M	2 S A	Slow
Hobie 405	1089	M	2 S A	Slow
Laser 3000	1090	M	2 U A	Slow
Redwing	1094	M	2 S 0	Slow
2000	1095	M	2 S A	Slow
Laser Bahia	1095	M	2 S A	Slow
Topaz Argo	1095	M	2 S A	Slow
Comet Trio MK 1	1096	M	2 S A	Slow
Laser II	1100	M	2 S C	Slow
Flash	1101	M	1 U 0	Slow
Laser Stratos	1103	M	2 S A	Slow
ILCA 7 / Laser	1104	M	1 U 0	Slow
RS Aero 6	1105	M	1 U 0	Slow
Solution	1108	M	1 U 0	Slow
Wayfarer	1109	M	2 S C	Slow
RS Toura	1110	M	2 S A	Slow
RS Venture S	1110	M	2 S A	Slow
Snipe	1110	M	2 S 0	Slow
Leader	1115	M	2 S C	Slow

OK	1115	M	1 U 0	Slow
Fusion II	1130	M	2 S A	Slow
RS Quest	1130	M	2 S A	Slow
RS Vision	1130	M	2 S A	Slow
Graduate	1132	M	2 S 0	Slow
GP14	1138	M	2 S C	Slow
Dart 12	1144	C	1 U 0	Slow
Solo	1144	M	1 U 0	Slow
RS Aero 5	1145	M	1 U 0	Slow
Europe	1147	M	1 U 0	Slow
Byte CII	1149	M	1 U 0	Slow
ILCA 6 / Laser Radial	1149	M	1 U 0	Slow
Enterprise	1152	M	2 S 0	Slow
Streaker	1155	M	1 U 0	Slow
British Moth	1165	M	1 U 0	Slow
Comet Versa	1165	M	2 S A	Slow
Comet Duo	1168	M	2 S 0	Slow
Lightning 368	1168	M	1 U 0	Slow
Challenger	1171	T	1 U 0	Slow
Topaz Magno	1175	M	2 S A	Slow
RS Neo	1180	M	1 U 0	Slow
RS Venture Connect	1180	M	2 S A	Slow
Topaz Vibe	1185	M	2 S A	Slow
Firefly	1190	M	2 S 0	Slow
Topaz Duo	1190	M	2 S A	Slow
Pacer	1193	M	2 S C	Slow
Miracle	1196	M	2 S C	Slow
Bosun	1198	M	2 S C	Slow
Wanderer	1201	M	2 S C	Slow
Byte	1205	M	1 U 0	Slow
Comet	1208	M	1 U 0	Slow
ILCA 4 / Laser 4.7	1212	M	1 U 0	Slow
Yachting World Dayboat	1215	M	2 S 0	Slow
Sunfish	1229	M	1 U 0	Slow
2.4 mR	1230	K	1 S 0	Slow
RS Feva XL	1244	M	2 S A	Slow
Splash	1247	M	1 U 0	Slow
Vagabond	1248	M	2 S C	Slow
Topaz Uno	1251	M	2 S 0	Slow
RS Zest	1260	M	2 S 0	Slow
Signet	1265	M	2 S 0	Slow
Fleetwind	1268	M	2 S 0	Slow
Fusion Pro Spinnaker	1275	M	2 S A	Slow
Otter	1275	M	2 S C	Slow
RS Feva	1280	M	2 S A	Slow
Fusion Pro	1290	M	1 U 0	Slow
Hartley 12 Racer	1290	M	2 S 0	Slow
Laser Pico Race	1330	M	1 U 0	Slow

Heron	1345	M	2 S 0	Slow
Mirror	1368	M	2 S C	Slow
Topper	1369	M	1 U 0	Slow

Excluded classes

18ft Skiff	675	M
Thames A Rater	860	M
Topper Breeze	890	K
SB20	911	K
Sonar	940	K
Skud 18	1060	K
Yeoman	1140	K
Devon Yawl	1184	M
RS Tera Pro	1370	M
Mirror - singlehanded	1375	M
Topper 4.2	1425	M
RS Tera Sport	1445	M
Cadet	1455	M
Optimist	1631	M

Legend		Configuration
Monohull	M	CREW
Keelboat	K	1/2/3/4
Catamaran	C	RIG
Trimaran	T	U - main only
		S - main and jib
		SPINNAKER
		0 - None
		A - Asymmetric
		C - Conventional